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General T. M. Harris and the Hanging of
Mrs. Surratt.

Harrison County, W. Va. Gazette.

As is well known, Gen. T. M. Harris, of

this place, was a member of the Commission which tried the assassins of President Lincoln.

For the sake of gaining their own ends, unscrupulous politicians have

frequently unjustly assailed him for con-

scientiously discharging his duty in this

connection.

As bearing on the matter, we make the following extract from a let-

ter written by Gen. Harris, as a gentle-

man of extraordinary responsibility,

residing in another State, who for reasons

of his own safety does not wish pub-

licity given to his name:

General Harris: When I had the

pleasure of meeting you a short time ago,

I had entirely forgotten the fact of your

having been on the court martial that

tried and condemned Mrs. Surratt; but

after leaving your place, whilst talking

to a gentleman at Clarksburg, I was re-

minded of the fact, and I also learned

that some politicians in your region had

criticized to some extent, your action on

that court martial.

Possessing information relative to that case, which justifies

the finding of the court martial, I there-

fore conclude that it will be an act of

justice to you to communicate the fol-

lowing: An intelligent widow lady of

Southern birth and prejudice, who was

accused of being a spy, who ran the

Rebel, carrying intelligence to Mr.

Davis, was captured and imprisoned,

at the time of Mrs. Surratt's trial and execu-

tion, in the old capital at Washington.

The two women became acquainted, when

Mrs. Surratt made some confessions which

showed she was guilty.

After saying that he does not feel at lib-

erty to give the lady's name or the lan-

guage, the writer of the letter says: "Will

it, however, that the lady is a relative of

mine, whom I visit occasionally, since the

Revolution? She is married again, and I can

vouch for her veracity and respectability."

We append a copy of General Harris' letter to the author of the foregoing ex-

tract, as pertinent in this connection:

Dear Sirs—Permit me to thank you for your very kind letter of the 3d inst., and the privilege thus afforded me. It is true that some of the Democratic politicians of West Virginia have, from the stamp, spewed into the ignorant prejudices of our disloyal people, by referring to the fact that I was a member of the military company that tried the conspirators who aided, abetted, and assisted in the assassination of President Lincoln; and to give point to their appeal, assumed that I was instrumental in the conviction and execution of an innocent woman—Mrs. Surratt. I always regarded such appeals as being intended to break the force of argument which they felt unable to answer; and as inspired alike by a spirit of disloyalty, and disregard of truth and justice; and as being too contemptible to merit an answer. I discharged that duty honestly, courageously, and fairly, leaving my destiny, in accordance with my judgment of the evidence presented in the case. I have never had a doubt cross my mind but that I gave a just and proper verdict; one that will be sustained by all intelligent people in a coming generation, that shall be free from party spirit and prejudices that bias the minds of many who are now actors on the stage. In the meantime, be assured that I shall never be disturbed, either in mind or conscience, by the criticisms of the people who would now condemn me. I am very truly yours,

T. M. HARRIS.

We presume that this letter from Gen.

Harris will throw some of our West Vir-

ginia Democratic brethren into fresh dis-

tress of mind over Mrs. Surratt's execu-

tion. But as long as the officers who sat

on the court martial that condemned her

to death have the answer of a good con-

science in the matter, as we believe that

General Harris always has had, they need

not feel disturbed over the periodical re-

vival of the subject. By the light of

subsequent events we have had some

doubts whether Mrs. Surratt was actually

privy to the President's assassination.

The conspirators met at her house in

Surrattsville, after the deed, that Booth

stole and got a gun and a bottle of whisky.

There were many circumstances

going to show that she was in the

conspiracy, and yet inasmuch as she was

a woman and could not well take a man's

part in the general massacre intended,

there has arisen a good deal of doubt

whether she was actually informed as to

what was to be done on that dreadful

night. It is not improbable that she had a

guilty knowledge of the affair, and her

death was the penalty paid for being de-

tected in such close relations with the as-

sassins. She went to her death, however,

protesting her innocence, and we presume

that if the trial had not followed the dead

so swiftly she might have escaped death.

She was tried when the public mind was

greatly excited, and when the general

judgment of the country was decidedly

against her, and this was also the state of

mind of the Court. Each member of that

Court, however, was responsible only to

his oath for his verdict, and if he kept his

oath, to be guided by the evidence in the

case, he has certainly no cause to reproach

himself.

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